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"Pow Wow" said the schedule at the University of Chattanooga Methodist Student Center, so "pow wow" the officers and leaders did. For more "honest injun" information, see page 12.

Here's to you!

We believe young people who read CONCERN should help write it, in the section titled "Views" as well as in the news columns.

CONCERN presents to you facts and opinions about the areas of life in which you have a social—a group—CONCERN. You probably have ideas of your own on these subjects, or would like to know what other young people are thinking about them.

How do you feel about these subjects, for instance:

Military aims — world leadership — brotherhood of Negroes and whites—Roman Catholics and political beliefs—Jesus and teenagers—God and students—alcohol between friends—making money —Christmas: true or false?—nakedness and starvation — the appeal of communism—the work of the church? There are many other possibilities, too.

Maybe you have more questions than answers about them—your questions are just as welcome to CONCERN as your ideas about the answers.

We feel that young Christians should be comparing and sharing ideas in every way possible these days, and that CONCERN offers you a special place to ask your questions and air your views. Some of you will be the writers, the politicians, the businessmen, the teachers, the engineers, the farmers who will influence many other persons according to your Christian ideas.

Here's to you!

Who's witnessing?

His friend was listening closely, for the story was most interesting.

"And then," said the boy, "I knew I would do whatever I ought to do—whatever God wanted me to do — about it."

The listener said nothing then, but later when he talked it over with another friend, he said,

"You know, you could really trust a guy like that—he might make mistakes, but when you hear him say he would do whatever God wanted him to do, you know he's not running the show himself, and it's likely to turn out all right."

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Your bishops speak on vital issues

In the semi-annual session of the Council of Bishops of The Methodist Church last month, 50 bishops set forth a message for Methodism on half a dozen important subjects, all calling for large actions by church people.

In order to clarify, for the benefit of selective service officials and others, the implications of membership in The Methodist Church with reference to concientious objection to military service, a committee of bishops was asked to draw up a statement about it.

Affirming convictions for all Methodists, the bishops declared:

"The historic decision of the Supreme Court abolishing segregation in the public school system is in keeping with the attitude of The Methodist Church . . . the church is furnished with an unequaled opportunity to provide leadership in support of the principles involved . . .

"The Evanston Assembly of the World Council of Churches has rejoiced our hearts and strengthened our faith. This living symbol of our Christian heritage and unity is the best hope of our time . . .

"Within our own lifetime, those who were the first to take the sword have perished by it . . . Militarism as a way of life is a foe of democracy . . . We call upon our people to prevent any attempt to fasten peacetime conscription on the American people . . .

"We commend heartily the efforts of President Eisenhower to create a more effective framework of international cooperation and understanding. We believe that urgency in such cooperation is a signal need of our time . . .

"We appeal to our Methodist people to provide sufficient sponsorships to care for the 5,000 refugees who constitute our responsibility out of the 209,000 people who are anticipated as seeking homes in the United States under the 1953 Refugee Relief Act . . .

"In all our history, there has never been a time that our evangelistic programs have been more widespread than just now. Yet we take no undue satisfaction in our statistical victories, but we seek the commitment and devotion which will give us more spiritual power."

As a part of the activities in Chicago in late November during the meeting there of American Methodism's bishops, district superintendents, and others, special attention was paid to Methodist youth on the network broadcast of Don McNeil's Breakfast Club three mornings. Mr. McNeil is shown here surrounded by Chicago MYF'ers, some of the 200 who were excused from school to attend one of his broadcasts and help "emphasize the youth emphasis."

Excitement-plus in NCMY office

"Look at this! What a wonderful letter!"

That's what the crew in the office of the National Conference of Methodist Youth, publishers of CONCERN, were saying last week, when they received word from Henry H. Nichols of Philadelphia, Pa.

As Delaware Conference director of youth work, FRIEND OF CONCERN Henry had sent in 227—that's right, 227—subscriptions for CONCERN and POWER.

The Delaware conference council devised a plan two years ago whereby every delegate to the conference youth assembly subscribes to POWER and CONCERN when he registers.

Special to CONCERN

Challenge in the Philippines

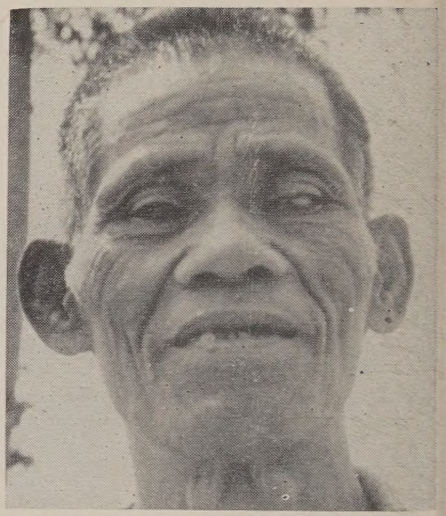
Six young American Methodists are due to leave Central Mindanao, in the Philippines, this weekend, to return home after an experimental venture by the National Conference of Methodist Youth. The group has worked to discover if the area offers, to youth, "challenges in line with their ability to respond."

U. S. team members include Mollie Gee Clements of Texas City, Texas; Jesse Clements of Houston, Texas; Bob Breihan of Austin, Texas; Dwayne Suter of Colony, Okla.; Francis Hirsch of Kansas City, Mo.; and John Eddy of Howard Lake, Minn.

This is Bob Breihan's special report on the Philippines work camp, and includes all the pictures on this and the next two pages.

Kidapawan, Cotabato, Nov. 15—For the last six months, 19 young people have literally pushed back the wilderness in an experiment in Christian living in the Philippines. Six Americans and thirteen Filipinos have been pioneering a new mission field for The Methodist Church in central Mindanao.

Most of the youth volunteered to give Christ one year of their lives. They have erected a Rural Center, developed a farm, and carried on a much-needed medical, dental and agricultural program of help to inaccessible rural areas.



Bone tired but cheerful, this man is typical of the people among whom Methodist work campers have spent six months in the Philippines.

At least one-half of Mindanao, second largest island of the Philippines, is unexplored. Two thousand people are moving in to settle public lands each year, some of them Huks, revolutionists mainly interested in land reform. No transportation beyond the few national highways is possible except on feet or by carabao.

On this tense and rapidly-growing tropical island The Methodist Church began officially to work last spring. Under difficult conditions, with almost no working funds, normal methods would not work. A revolutionary

At the left is pictured a barrio (living center) Sunday school in Mindanao. Work camp teams teach groups like this on week-ends in established churches without pastors.

approach was needed—or none at all.

Philippine youth volunteer

Wherever he went, C. L. Spottswood, the missionary charged with this work, challenged capable and professionally trained Philippine youth to give a year of their lives to serve God in Mindanao.

In response to his challenge came two nurses, graduates of the Methodist Mary Johnston School of Nursing in Manila; a dentist, herself weakened from a recent bout with tuberculosis but anxious to serve; a teacher, five agriculturalists, a young pastor and his wife, and a civil engineer.

The National Conference of Methodist Youth in the United States added six young people with talents from engineering to agriculture, and a work camp was born last June.

One peso for food

By eating inexpensive Philippine food the cost was kept at a peso (50¢ American money) a day per person. The floor in the Spottswood house in Kidapawan was soon covered with mats, since no beds were available, nor was there room for them.

By careful planning a medical and dental clinic was established (previous cost of such a clinic in Northern Luzon was 11,000 pesos for one year), a two-story 30x50-foot rural center was constructed (an attorney from Manila estimated it would cost 15,000 pesos), a model farm, complete with vegetable gardens, rice and corn fields, orchard, poultry and piggery projects, fish-pond were developed.

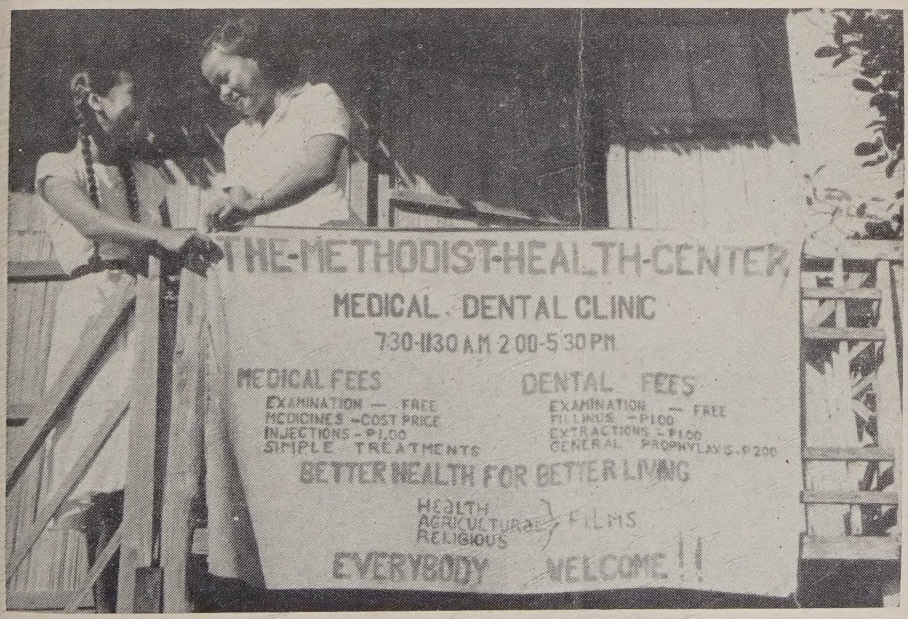
All of these projects of the work camp have been accomplished for 15,000 pesos. Unlike previous mission projects in the Philippines, more than one-half of the total cost has come from the Philippines themselves.

"Partners in Christ"

"Partners in Christ" became a byword as work contributions began. From the 2,000 pesos of a Manila merchant to the pesos of a children's Sunday school class—from the three purebred Berkshire pigs to the sack of rice —this was an adventure of faith.

It was symbolic that the first job of the building crew was to construct a strong bridge between the ten acres of land and the national highway, across which eventually were to come new volunteer partners in service, including Moros (Mohammedans in religion), interested neighbors, 4-H club members, and nearby church members.

The adventure has developed the



Below: "Our two nurses open shop by hanging out our sign. Though it is in English most people can read it. There are 84 dialects spoken in the Philippines. Often native Filipinos turn to English to talk across these lines."

Philippine challenge cont.

much-needed base for the Methodist Mission program, where pastors and church workers can be trained not only in ordinary church work, but also in agriculture, gardening, home sanitation, and first aid. "Christ for All of Life" is the idea motivating the whole project.

Teams go out

Not content just to build and wait, a team of the dentist, a nurse, a teacher, an agriculturalist and a pastor have been driven by this idea to go into the barrios.

Most people in the Philippines live in the small barrios, village-like groups of nipa huts, often many kilometers away from accessible transportation.

The team sets up a portable clinic, administering immunizations, and giving medical and dental treatments at cost. A major emphasis has been health education and preventive care, through illustrated lectures, demonstrations and film-strips and movies. (The largest killer is beri-beri, a disease caused by malnutrition through improper diet; malaria and amoebic dysentery follow closely in incidence, caused by impure water and poor sanitation.)

The teacher gathers children at the public school and teaches them of Jesus

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About the pictures, beginning at the top:

"Inside the clinic a patient cheerfully awaits the work of the dentist, left. All treatments are done at cost in communities that have never seen the service of a doctor.

"The buildings in the Philippines are supported by tall, heavy hardwood poles. This picture shows, l-to-r, Breihan, a Filipino helper, Clements and Martinez fastening one of the poles in place.

"Materials for building construction had to be carried from the river on our shoulders after being gathered by hand. This picture shows a group of Moros assisting us for one day.

"Talopia are fish that support the meat end of the Philippine diet. Work campers, l-to-r, Suter, Eddy, Caluluo and Maeliing dig the fish pond for our farm.

"Everybody carries a burden. In a land of no roads they have learned to carry their rice to market. These have already walked six miles with probably four more to go."

Christ, while the agriculturalist works with the farmers to improve the often primitive methods of farming and help them increase their yields.

Each night there is a public showing of health and agricultural films, followed by a religious film and an evangelistic message. Since many people are already nominal Christians the effort is to help the people have a new and enlivening experience of Christ. The results of this work are amazing, as the people are hungry for help.

"The greater need"

The United States government has poured billions into projects to help the undeveloped areas of the world. Such efforts as presently are characterized by the Foreign Operations Office work of placing top-notch and successful stateside technicians like county farm agents, university professors, agricultural experimentalists in advisory relationship with Filipinos are worth their money.

Our churches have responded to the need cheerfully and generously but it has been only the beginning that has resulted. The need continues to be great. To give money to needy countries is good, but not enough. To send missionaries to help people is better, but not yet enough.

The greater need yet is to send young people who will work shoulder-to-shoulder **with** people, to help them help themselves. The need is for those who will not only give money, but will actually put their **life** on the line to become "partners in Christ."

—By Bob Breihan

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Sixpence gets you hymn by youth

Young Methodists sitting in a milk bar in New South Wales, Australia, got the idea that something better than the usual "hot" numbers on the juke box should occasionally be heard.

They supplied a record of "None Other Lamb" as sung by the Methodist Crusader Choir of 500 voices in the Sydney Town Hall. The proprietor accepted it and placed it on this machine.

Now a sixpence and a push on a numbered button produces a hymn.

NEWS

"Y" student meet Dec. 27-Jan. 2

The quadrennial National Student Assembly of the YMCA and YWCA will meet Dec. 27 to Jan. 2 at the University of Kansas at Lawrence. Delegates will represent local campus Y's and Student Christian Associations.

In preparation for the Assembly, the student Y's have prepared five study guides which have value for many campus situations. They are:

"The Inescapable Question: Where Are You?" by Howard Clark Kee. Four modern parables in a college setting pointing to the meaning of alienation, decision, community and freedom.

"Your Freedom Is in Trouble" by Paul L. Lehmann. Nine illustrations of threats to freedom in our colleges and an analysis of our culture.

"You in the University" by Seymour Smith and Yale students. An introduction to higher education from the undergraduate perspective.

"You, the Nation and the World" by Ernest Lefever and Herman Reissig. An analysis with specific illustrations of responsible participation in the world and nation.

"Faith, Sex and Love" by William Hamilton. Rethinking sex in terms of the deepest insights of Christianity on creative personal relations.

The booklets may be ordered from the National Student YMCA, 291 Broadway, New York 7, or the National Student YWCA, 600 Lexington Ave., New York.

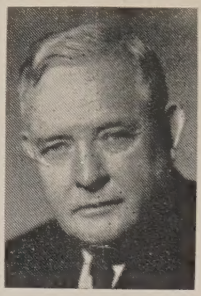
Church Men plan college support

A plan for aid to the budgets of church-related Protestant colleges is underway by United Church Men, affiliated with the National Council of Churches.

The board has proposed that denominational men's work groups and the national churchmen's group carry on an informational program on raising funds for church-related colleges, "which are important to the nation and the churches."

Atlanta bishop "Man of Year"

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, has been named Man of the South for 1954 by the editors of *Dixie Business*.



Bishop Moore is resident bishop of the Atlanta Area (North and South Georgia Conferences) of The Methodist Church, president of the Methodist Board of Missions, and chairman of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.

He is the first clergyman to receive the title, which went last year to Golfer Bobby Jones. The selection of Bishop Moore was made from a list of 167 eligibles.

Secretary of State declares on war

At a recent press conference, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles made the following statements on the possibility of war between the United States and the Soviet Union:

"Any idea of a preventive war is wholly out of question as far as the United States is concerned . . . It is not in any sense part or parcel, even remotely, of U. S. foreign policy . . . (It) is not and, as far as I can forecast, never will be any part of U. S. foreign policy.

"One knows two facts: The first is that there is a vast military power within the Soviet Union and the Communist world: secondly, we know that by their own doctrine they do not feel inhibited by any moral considerations in doing what they think will serve their best interests.

"Therefore, we have constantly to be sure that we are creating a situation so that they will feel that their best interests will not be served by a general war. I believe that we are doing that effectively . . .

"As long as we continue strong, united and able and willing to fight if necessary, I think that we have a very substantial deterrent against general war."

Allied Youth has annual conference

More than 400 delegates, representing 271 Allied Youth Posts, from as far as California and Nova Scotia, attended the ninth annual conference of Allied Youth, Inc., last month at Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

"Investment in Youth" was the theme. There were workshops, conferences with leaders, and addresses by persons outstanding for faith in youth.

These included J. C. Penny, chairman of the Allied Youth board of trustees, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, founder and trustee of Allied Youth; Mrs. Walter V. Magee, chairman of the youth conservation division of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs; Dr. R. E. Strain, international surgeon and professor of surgery; Bishop John C. Van Dyk of the Episcopal Church, chemist and scientist; and Dr. Kenneth D. Wells, president of Freedoms Foundation.

Allied Youth, non-sectarian and non-political, is neither a crusade nor a reform organization. Through the years it has won recognition for its positive work in alcohol education, alcohol-free fun and character building.

For four straight years, it has received the Freedoms Foundation award, and many leaders have come to depend increasingly upon what Allied Youth can do to help solve teenage problems. Its largest post, in Amarillo, Texas, has 1,482 members.

Inter-racial conference in South Africa

Both white and African churchmen of all major Protestant churches of South Africa attended the Inter-Racial Conference of Church Leaders in Johannesburg, South Africa, this week, studying "The Extension of the Kingdom of God in Our Multi-Racial Land."

The Governor-General of South Africa opened the conference, the first meeting of representatives of the whole body of both African and white Protestant Christianity in the country. The Dutch Reformed Church, which made conference arrangements, has traditionally stood against integration of the races in either government or church life.

New voice heard behind iron curtain

There is a new voice in the strife orn land of Korea since Dec. 1—a roice crossing the Iron Curtain barrier o bring the message of "peace on arth to men of good will" to men not nly on the south side, but, for the irst time since Communist invasion, o men in the north.

It is the Radio Voice of Christian Korea, the only evangelical radio sta- ion in the Far East, with the ex- eption of the Philippines, and the first rivately-operated station to be grant- ed a permit by the Korean Govern- ment.

Programs featuring straight-for- vard gospel messages, and all types of nusic, dramas, English classes, Bible lasses and a wide range of cultural nd religious subjects will be beamed cross the country.

In hundreds of south Korean coun- ry areas, people for whom radio is a nique experience listen with the help f pre-tuned battery receivers and arm pack battery sets provided by the tation.

A special hour-long program in English is also planned on Sundays for GI's in the country.

The radio station is the joint pro- duct of the Korean National Christian Council and of various missionary groups which together raised more han $130,000 to launch the project. Additional funds for operating ex- penses are now being sought from church groups in the U. S.

Station studios are in Seoul and a 5,000-watt transmitter is located just west of the city.

Special issue free in January

A "thirteenth issue" of the monthly youth worker's publication, *Workers With Youth*, is being prepared for free distribution in January. It will contain special resource for all youth workers in the local church, especially those who attend the district training sessions being planned for February, March, April and May.

Limited copies of the special issue may be secured free from the Service Department, Box 871, Nashville 2.

CUES

New script ready on vocations

A cue for wide-awake young Methodists that should not get lost in the Christmas concentration is the new radio script, "Vocations Unlimited," available for use in MYF groups of any size, or broadcast on local stations.

The script was developed last summer at the Northeastern Regional MYF Workshop by a committee of young people and adults. In the roles of a moderator and eight young people thinking about their importance in relation to the world's problems, your group will enjoy using this material—it is good to focus attention on problems of general concern as well as personal vocational choices.

Order from the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations, Box 871, Nashville 2—each copy of the script is 25 cents.

Beloved story on radio Dec. 19

"No Room at the Inn," the traditional story of events preceding the birth of Christ, will be told over the entire American Broadcasting Company's network Sunday, Dec. 19, from 5:30 to 6 p.m. EST.

It will be during the regular time of "The Greatest Story Ever Told."

Family fun leaflets issued

Recently off the Methodist press are two leaflets in the field of family fun.

One is *Family Fun at the Church* (198-B, free) by LaDonna Bogardus, with ways for the whole family to have fun together.

The other is *Family Fun With Teen-Agers* by Wallace Chappell, and offers ideas for just what the title says, including music, crafts, cooking, etc. The leaflet number is 3050-C; 20 cents a dozen, $1 a hundred, sample copies free, from Service Department, Box 871, Nashville 2.

How would you define it?

Speaking at a dinner under the auspices of the National Council of Christian and Jews in New York City, Mme. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, former president of the United Nations and now India's high commissioner to London, said in part:

"Your (America's) greatest weapon is not the H-bomb. Your greatest weapon is your power to help develop countries that are underdeveloped.

"The technical assistance given by America to India is the greatest investment the United States of America has ever made. The U. S. A. will get dividends from that investment through the understanding of the 400,000,000 people of India . . .

"We in Asia can understand that democracy is equivalent to education, to understanding one another, to abiding by the will of the majority, to better health, to better living conditions.

"Let us get together and talk about the good things of democracy. Let democrary stand up and take its chances with communism. If it fails, it deserves to fail."

Says students need emotional training

Dr. David M. Fulcomer, of Iowa State College at Ames, has told the department of family life of the National Council of Churches:

"Young people are not helped sufficiently to develop their emotional lives in line with growing intellects and technical knowledge. Training an individual's intellect will not determine his behavior."

As a step towards meeting the need, he advised a four-point program, including: more school and college courses to develop the ideas on family living; more student-centered guidance programs; and the use of more consultants by schools, churches and social agencies.

Many phases of college life, he said, should be geared to preparation for Christian marriage, including dating, going steady and the engagement period.

VIEWS

He speaks to you

A ragged and tattered young man roamed among the young people at the district youth rally. This is what he told them:

"Excuse me, please.

"I'm glad you let me come here today. You probably don't recognize me. I'm sure you've seen my picture quite often, but perhaps you didn't study it too closely.

"You see, I'm the destitute youth of the world. I live in China, in Africa, in Germany, and even in the United States. My home was bombed during World War II in England. I can't find enough food to eat in India. My parents were killed when the United Nations dropped bombs on my home in Korea. My clothes aren't nice like yours. I could never even dream of owning an automobile all of my own.

"But I didn't really come here to tell you these things. What I really came for was to thank you for what you've done for me. You are Methodist young people. You belong to the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Through it you are able to help me all over the world by giving a little of your money to the Methodist Youth Fund.

"Now, I'm sure **you've contributed** your share. You can't help it that my clothes are like they are. **You've done** your part. It's not your fault that I'm hungry. **You've given** all you can haven't you?

"I . . . I am talking to the right people, am I not? . . .

". . . Or **am** I?"

(Reprinted from the Texas Sou-wester)

Teen-agers in peace

The promotion of world peace through an international exchange of teen-age young men was discussed at a meeting this month between the attaches of 23 friendly powers and high-ranking officers of the Civil Air Patrol, the Air Force, and the Department of State.

Be sure to read statement "to you" on page two.

BY FINLEY EVERSOLE

Toward international understanding

Among the most vital trends astir in our present day is the trend toward international understanding.

I have come to believe that it is neither the United Nations nor the World Council of Churches (certainly they are indispensable!), but rather the intermingling of the nations' ordinary people which is doing the most to create understanding.

If Americans are "on their toes", they cannot fail to realize that ecumenical work camps, Fulbright and Crusade Scholarships, and other exchange programs will do more to further world peace than all the atomic, hydrogen, and cobalt bombs the nations can amass.

Like many college students, it has been my privilege to get acquainted with people from nearly every country of the world—people who survived the bombing of Berlin and Hiroshima, people who have endured imprisonment in Nazi and Communist concentration camps, people who are struggling for freedom and democracy in Africa and India. Many of these I have come to know intimately.

International contacts are invaluable. We are better able to understand a nation's problems when we view them through the eyes of the people involved. Ingrid Hildebrandt, who was an exchange student to the United States, writes,

". . . Today there pushes a picture to the foreground in my mind: the world parted in two, and the hem going right through my country, making opponents out of brothers . . . Shall we ever be 'one' again?"

Many times it takes a person like Elia Peter, youth delegate to the W.C.C. from India, to awaken us to the inconsistencies between our living and our Christian faith. In India, Elia says,

"The Christians preached that in Jesus Christ, we are one—there is no caste system or untouchable. The new India is making every effort to remove caste. Mahatma Gandi fought against it tooth and nail.

"In India, they feel that the white man has created the illusion that white skin is superior to any other skin. The Indian with his natural brown skin feels that the people of the white race do talk about world-wide fellowship and equality, but they do not always mean business.

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"People who do not believe in Jesus Christ are inspired by His teachings and are making tremendous sacrifices to remove caste system. Can't we practice equality at least in the church? Is it because the church is not **bold**, or is it because it is not concerned?"

Christian understanding is a two-way road. Our friends from abroad also learn from us. Ingrid, now back in Germany, is hard at work establishing one of the first democratic student bodies in Berlin. Our American schools were the source of her experience and inspiration.

Takako Hinahara of Japan, who survived the bombing of Hiroshima in August, 1945, says she has learned, since being in the United States, that not all Americans are merciless warmongers who "use our Japanese people as guinea-pigs for their A-bomb," but that there are many Christians who are deeply concerned about war and human suffering.

We as American youth cannot afford to miss the opportunities of creating international friendships!

Finley Eversole, a native of Birmingham, Ala., and member of East Lake church there, is a senior in pre-ministerial study at Birmingham-Southern College. This is his second year as Christian Outreach chairman for the North Alabama Conference MYF, which under his leadership has supported the MYFund "as never before."

Chattanooga has "pow-wow" party

Indian head-dresses, war-whoops, pale faces, and native songs and dances were included in the first Methodist party of the year at the University of Chattanooga (Tenn.) this fall. More than 80 "whooped it up," says Shirley McClain, CONCERN reporter, and the Brainerd Woman's Society of Christian Service served supper.

Open house for students and faculty, and attendance at the MSM leaders' retreat at Gatlinburg, Tenn., in October, also helped get the university's Methodist Student Center off to a good start.

TNT meetings are now on the calendar, and are expected to be "explosive" in terms of discussion. A recently-completed prayer room is in use; monthly suppers will be served; and a study room has been provided. The Rev. and Mrs. Buddy McGee are directors.

Wesley Wagons roll at Madison College

On five consecutive days the 140 Methodist freshmen at Madison College, Harrisonburg, Va., received one "part" of a "Wesley Wagon," after which they were entertained at a Prospectors' Party for all Methodist students.

The "wagon parts" were a "tongue"—the welcome; a "body"—the schedule of activities of the WF; a "cover" representing the spiritual side of WF; the "front wheels"—upperclass WF members; and, the last day, the "back wheels" representing the freshmen as prospective WF members needed to make the wagon roll.

The party included scenes from covered wagon days, folk dancing, old-fashioned spelling bees and relays, and a faculty member's true story of her ancestors' pioneering in the Nebraska Territory.

Former caravaner trains caravaners

Miss Dorothy Dey, who caravaned from the Scarritt College training center in 1954, is using her experience and training as a caravaner to serve churches in the vicinity of Greensboro (N.C.) College where she is now a student.

She writes: "Believe me, the caravan training is becoming good experience as well as caravaning itself, and not only in fellowship teams and other activities here at school. Sunday I had the wonderful experience of being able to help persuade an MYF to separate into age groups. I could also tell them why they should separate. I now realize how much caravaning has helped me."

Dot is working with 15 girls to develop three deputation teams of five girls each. Former caravaners will recognize her reason for saying that she is trying to get them ready for any situation that may arise and/or make them feel that they will at least be able to help in a situation they

Dr. Frank Laubach, world literacy expert, is shown with Wesley Foundation members (l-to-r) Hubert Harber, Larry Pleimann, Liz Scarbough, Camilla Carter and Ed Sylvest at Louisiana State University, where he was speaker recently under the auspices of the Student Christian Council.

have not planned for.

Each member of the deputation team will have a thorough knowledge of the first chapters of *Handbook*, a working knowledge of all the program areas, and some special study in one program area.

Syracuse MSF gives to MCOR

The Methodist Student Fellowship at Syracuse (N. Y.) University has contributed $20 to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief to buy blankets for Korean boys in Boys Democratic Town on True Friend Island (story in Nov. 12 issue of CONCERN).

The island town was established recently to care for beggar boys from Pusan and Seoul. Approximately 300 boys are now in residence on the island, just south of Pusan.

Edwin A. Potter is chairman of the Social Action Committee through which the Syracuse contribution was made. Potter reports that the committee also is collecting relief clothing which will be sent overseas through Church World Service, interdenominational relief agency, of which MCOR is a contributing member.

MSM Roundup

◆ Two dozen members of the University of Arizona WF picked a ton of cotton in October — fire destroyed it two days later, but the insurance payment added $58.50 to the WF bank account . . . Thirty-five members of Tempe's WF stayed with Arizona WF'ers one week-end recently for the annual football game between the two schools—the schedule included a picnic, the game, and a party in addition to Sunday activities.

◆ Miss Gail Abbott, chosen by vote of the WF cabinet at the University of South Dakota, will deliver the sermon Sunday at the regular worship service conducted once a year by students . . . The University's WF has resumed publication of its very readable "Wesley Reporter," covering an active campus program for Methodist students and their friends.

REAL GOOD SPORTS

Whether firing a ball down the center stripe line or leveling a gun on a quail, "Preacher" Elwin Roe, pitcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers, is an unassuming natural athlete.

He was just as unassuming the first day I saw him at First Methodist Church, West Plains, Mo. In fact, he was so unassuming that it wasn't until later that I realized who he really was.

To his Brooklyn teammates he is this same regular fellow who is respected by all whether his pitching average is up or down. His teammates gave him his name of "Preacher" because of his consistent church attendance wherever the Dodgers played, even when the game was on Sunday.

Now that the baseball season is over until next season, you will find "Preacher" back home in West Plains. Here he can plan his own schedule without the pressure of another game to be played the next day.

With his spikes hung up during this off-season, he is up early each morning to take on his second love: fishing and hunting . . . but not on Sundays. When not enjoying these sports, he is working with the Boy Scouts or some other boy's program. He spends a great deal of his time helping boys any way he can.

His pastor, the Rev. Harold Nance, who is quite a sportsman himself, speaks highly of "Preacher." Mr. Nance says:

"He is a wonderful fellow in every way. He belongs to the Methodist church here, and is liberal in his support to it. He attends regularly, and is willing and glad to do what he is called upon to do."

This is one "preacher" who does not have to talk about his faith—for he simply lives it.

—Barbara Eskew

If you know of some outstanding athlete or youth group making a real Christian Witness in sports, please send information to: CONCERN, Sports Editor, Box 871, Nashville 2.

MYF membership gains 67,160

Methodist Youth Fellowship membership has increased 67,160 this year, making national enrollment more than 1,285,000.

The gain, based on reports of 94 of The Methodist Church's 102 conferences, was announced last month to youth work directors.

Methodism seeks 500,000 new members in the 12-to-23 age group by 1956 as part of the youth emphasis program.

According to the 1950 census, more than 19 million youth in the United States are members of no church at all, as compared with only 7,290,000 youth in churches of all faiths in the country.

Michigan MYF'ers see New York

Ten MYF members of the Port Huron (Mich.) District and their sponsors, Miss Doris Adams and the Rev. Emmet Coons, visited the United Nations and the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church in New York City recently.

At the United Nations they heard the Political Committee discussing the Atomic Pool, and a Human Rights Covenant was under discussion in the Social and Economic Committee.

At the Board of Missions, the MYF'ers were most impressed by the chapel service during lunch hour and the attendance by business workers in a city as impersonal as New York.

Another highlight of the trip was a worship service in Christ Church, more formal and impressive than services the group usually attends.

MYF in action

MYF services "on the border"

In Sweetgrass, Mont., a little village right on the United States-Canadian border, the youth would have to choose up sides if someone suggested they give the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Flags of both countries are in the church.

The charge lay leader is a citizen of Canada, and the active little Sunday school was built up by another Canadian—a Lutheran.

CONCERN Reporter George Harper (anyone know him?) says there is plenty of room for the folks to get together, even across national boundaries, because the Sunburst-Kevin-Sweetgrass parish includes more than 2,000 square miles.

Koreans receive Georgian help

The Senior MYF of First church in Thomson, Ga., has sent four boxes of clothing to Korea since Hallowe'en, in response to a letter from one of the church's young men in service.

Bob Pounds, with the First Marine Division in Korea, wrote to his niece, Jane Dobbs Rogers, an MYF officer:

15,000 Methodist youth crowded into Rock River Conference churches the evening of Nov. 21 for the 23 Bishop's Rallies. This scene was in St. Paul's church, Chicago, where Bishop Clare Purcell of the Birmingham (Ala.) Area, far right, was speaker.

"Each year at Christmas the Marines ve the natives all the old clothes ey can get the people from home to nd. Most of them have only a few tton summer clothes. Many die each inter when it gets down to zero and lder, for they don't have anything to ep them warm . . . All around our ea the war took just about every- ing from them."

onesboro treat - $350

Methodist youth of Jonesboro, Ark., ave sent $350 to UNICEF. Three urches pooled efforts for Hallowe'en Trick or Treat" on behalf of the UN nd for children.

HAT PROBLEM AGAIN

o (whom it may) CONCERN:

Well, gentlemen, I really didn't ex- ect to set the world on fire, but as e saying goes, I only wanted to kindle little flame in your heart with my tter last May. Even so, I am over- yed to hear that I have been honored ith another reply, and will do my ut- ost to satisfy its author and any thers who may want to quiz me con- rning my views on the chosen sub- ct.

Incidentally, after six months in hich to consider it, and to further vestigate the problem of Older Youth military service, I am more strongly an ever convinced that we are lack- g in this field. How to reach this rge segment of our O. Y. with any egree of success remains a problem nsolved.

My wife and I are now working with e intermediate department in our urch, and would be glad to exchange eas with anyone interested in this pe of work. We are especially lack- g really good lessons.

(Editor's note: We're passing this on the intermediate leaders in the urch.)

If it is possible without using up too uch valuable space, I would like to ear from Eddie White, formerly of klahoma A&M, and Doyce Flansburg, so of A&M.

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Forum

MORE FROM CRUSADE SCHOLARS

Notes of appreciation continue to come in from Crusade scholars in this country who have been put on POWER and CONCERN'S mailing list for this school year by courtesy of the National Conference of Methodist Youth (that's you, young Methodist reader).

To CONCERN:

Many thanks for your nice letter announcing to me POWER and CONCERN. I am grateful to you.

Through the kindness of certain people, whom very often I do not know, I am getting some eight of these church magazines and devotional guides. I feel adequately provided for my spiritual life while in this country.

It is important to save one from total deprivation and I am touched by these tender mercies shown me by my unknown benefactors. They are so kind that they even relieve me of the irksome job of choosing from a multitudinous variety of religious literature, both genuine and spurious, that a stranger-green-horn like myself has to face in this advanced country where printing has reached its acme both in quality and quantity. In one instance I am receiving two issues of the same. Such kindness and hospitality!

Joseph J. Mangalam

To CONCERN:

It was the other day when I was reading CONCERN from the table at the hallway when a girl from India came and got her copy too. After reading I placed it down because I never thought of getting one like it; besides I don't know anyone from your office who knows us either. But the girl turned the CONCERN and said "Is not that your name?"

Oh! my, I picked it up like a jewel and ran up to my room and read all of it. I like it. I am glad I am a Methodist. Am I selfish?

POWER—I use it for our group devotions. I gave away my old copy to a girl who has no Bible. POWER and *Upper Room* are my favorites.

Thanks a million for your thoughtfulness.

Celeste Paraso

Get the facts—

Registration for the
1955 National Convocation of Methodist Youth and Studen
at Purdue University next August

is to be made ONLY:

- Through conference executive secretaries

or - Through state student movement directors

or - Through conference directors of youth work.

Registration may be made in **January and February** wit your conference or state director. Unused quotas in the arrang ments for 5,000 young people and adults will be assigned to oth conferences and states.

1955 Convocation theme: "Our Christian Witness in th World of Struggle."

JEST FOR FUN

Early to rise, early to bed
Makes one healthy and socially dead.
Early to bed, early to rise
And your girl goes out with other guys.

Every man should call a spade a spade—even the man who trips over one.

Lady: Isn't there a smarter clerk to wait on me?
Clark: No, ma'am. The smarter clerks saw you coming.

Get down off the cook stove, Gran ma; you're too old to ride the range

Did you hear about the Indian wh found a little boy crying because h dog was sick? "What's dog's name asked the Indian. "Chrome," said t little boy. "Don't cry, little boy," sa the Indian; "Me cure chrome!"

Practical Politician: A guy wh sounds out which way the crowd going and then rushes to the fro and yells like the dickens.